Reviewer's report

Title: Circ-SMARCA5 suppresses progression of multiple myeloma by targeting miR-767-5p

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Probably - with minor revisions

PEER REVIEWER COMMENTS:

GENERAL COMMENTS: The topic is novel and interesting. The authors have answered most of comments by the reviewers. However, I still have few comments.

REQUESTED REVISIONS:
1. The authors should confirm regulation of miRNA-767-5p by circ-SMARC5 using overexpressed and KD H929 cells. Not sure why they haven't done so. 2. Critical would be to confirm the negative correlation between Circ-SMARCA5 and the miRNA at least in a panel of
MM cell lines (understandable if this is not feasible right now in patient cells). 3. Can the authors check status of miRNA-767-5p in MM cells using published datasets?

ADDITIONAL REQUESTS/SUGGESTIONS:
Figures 1, 2 and 3 should be combined.
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No

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